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Please note that JP-A-06280891 and its German counterpart, DE 196 19 368 A1 disclose a convoluted boot wherein a surface coating of poly- α olefins is applied to reduce the friction between the boot wall surfaces which contact one another at the time of a joint bending




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in large degree. However, they do not disclose that mineral oil or vegetable oil is added to a base resin material for a flexible resin boot.

Please also note that JP-A-10061783 is accompanied by a copy of the German counterpart DE 196 19 368 A1.

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